

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:92
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2015
Status of Railway Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification along with the signalling works in various States including Karnataka during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of estimated cost, funds allocated and spent on each of these projects;
- (c) whether the Railways have fixed any targets for their completion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the reasons for delay, if any, in completion of these projects; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 92 BY KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2015 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) & (b): During the last three years and the current year, 176 new projects have been taken up in the country including Karnataka at a cost of `1,59,286 Crore. On these projects, an expenditure of `1129 Crore has been made upto 31.03.2015 and an outlay of `7318 Crore has been made for the year 2015-16. Project-wise details of expenditure upto March, 2015 and outlay in 2015-16 are appended.

(c) & (d): Completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment, acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed.

(e): To expedite completion of projects, Ministry of Railways has approached all State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) jointly with Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring. 17 State Governments have consented to form the SPVs. Possibility of participation of industry in project specific SPVs can also be considered depending on their willingness. In addition to this, Railway is also mobilizing resources by market borrowing for viable projects.
